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Intimations.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
The Thirtieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder & Sons, Ltd., 21, Market Street, on the 21st March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1890.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 421

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS.

By kind Permission of the JOCKEY CLUB, the SPORTS connected with the above will be held on the RACE COURSE, TO-MORROW, the 21st March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1890.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 421

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A Competition for the Long Range Handicap Subscriptions CUP, and RANGING SPOONS will be held on SATURDAY, the 21st March, at 3.30 p.m. Distance—800 and 900 Yards. Ten Shots at each Position, any Entrance Fee, 30 Cents.
A Launch will leave the P. & O. Pier at 3 o'clock p.m. to convey Competitors.

FRANK COLLINS,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, March 16, 1891. 530

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder & Sons, Ltd., 21, Market Street, on the 21st March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1890.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 21st March, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, March 6, 1891. 450

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE WEIGHTS for the above RACE will be weight for inches, not 10st. 10lb. as heretofore.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
Clerk of the Course,
Hongkong, March 17, 1891. 548

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
The Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of March, 1891, at 2.30 p.m., in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Accounts to the 30th day of September, 1890.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th instant to the 25th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 10th March, 1891. 470

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, That an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, at 2.45 o'clock p.m., on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of March, 1891, for the purpose of considering, and if approved of passing, the following Special Resolution:—
"That the Capital of The Balmoral Gold Mining Company, Limited, be increased from £250,000 to £500,000 by the creation of Four Thousand and Five Hundred New Shares of £10 each, to be fully paid up, and that such New Shares be issued upon such terms and conditions and generally with such rights and privileges as shall be resolved upon or directed at the Meeting, and if no direction be given as the Directors shall determine."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
K. A. STEVENS,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 10th March, 1891. 471

CANTON DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 88.

PILES OF WHAMPOA BARRIER CARRIED AWAY.

CAPTAINS of Vessels are hereby notified, that no reliance can be placed on the position of the Green Light at the Whampoa Buoys (No. 43) which are carried away—replaced; due notice of which will be given.

J. H. MAY,
Harbour Master.

Approved:
F. E. WOODRUFF,
Commissioner.

Canton House,
Canton, 14th March, 1891. 520

Business Notices.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

A NEW SELECTION OF VIOLINS, TENORS, BANJOS, GUITARS, MANDOLINES AND ZITHERS. CORNETS, SAXHORN, BARITONES, EUPHONIUMS AND TROMBONES. CLARINETS, OBOES, FLUTES, PICCOLOS, TUBES AND FLAGEOLETES. VIOLIN CASES AND BOWS. GUITAR CASES.

FITTINGS FOR ALL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS. A LARGE STOCK OF MUSIC. SELECTIONS may be had on Approval.

PIANOS, By BROADWOOD, COLLARD, CHAPPELL AND OTHER EMINENT MAKERS. PIANOS ON HIRE. PIANOS TUNED. PIANOS REPAIRED. Pianos on the Monthly Payment System.

Hongkong, February 28, 1891. 413

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post-Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Fair Sex. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTEL is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1513

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

TAILORS, GENERAL OUTFITTERS, &c. (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

OUR STOCK OF SEASONABLE GOODS is now complete in all the NEWEST MATERIALS, comprising a Large Variety of DRESS SUITING, from £39 upwards. TWEEDS for SUITS, ULSTERS and INVERNESS CAPES, CORDS and ELASTICS for RIDING and SHOOTING, BROUGHS and LEGGINGS. EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, GLOVES, SILK, LISLE THREAD and CASHMERE SOCKS; PATENT LEATHER PUMPS and SHOES, &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.

A NEW STOCK OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING.

W. POWELL & Co. VICTORIA EXCHANGE, March 14, 1891. 512

Intimations.

CATHAY CHAPTER, No. 1165.

A Regular CONVOCAION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FARMERS' Hall, Zealand Street, THIS EVENING, the 20th March, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BROTHERS are cordially invited.

Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 525

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been Received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from the Batteries at Legation in North Western and Eastern directions, North Point in a North-Westerly direction, and Kowloon Dock in a Westerly direction; from the 16th to 21st March, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. All Ships, Junks and other VESSELS are CAUTIONED to keep clear of the Ranges.

By Command, W. M. DEANE, Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Hongkong, 11th March, 1891. 497

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late ANDREW ALLISON MACGILL, MASTER MARINE, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honourable the Chief Justice, having in view of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 167, made an Order limiting to the 14th day of MAY, 1891, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their CLAIMS to the Underclerk before the said date, and all Persons INDEBTED to the said Estate are requested to make immediate Payment.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1891.

WYOTTON & DEACON, Solicitors for the Executors, 38, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Ninth Ordinary ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder & Sons, Ltd., 21, Market Street, on the 21st March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1890.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, March 9, 1891. 464

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder & Sons, Ltd., 21, Market Street, on the 21st March, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1890.
The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 20th March, both days inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, March 12, 1891. 493

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

A Thoroughbred NEWFOUNDLAND DOG, Three Months Old. Apply to Captain HENRY, ship Thetis, leaving Harbour, Hongkong, March 19, 1891. 561

FOR SALE.

DOG CART and PONY, and English Harness never used. This Pony is a perfect LADY'S HACK. Apply to CAPTAIN GARDINER, Hongkong, March 19, 1891. 564

FOR SALE.

COLLARD and COLLARD COTTAGE PIANO—Triumph Iron Frame, built to stand disassembled—dark Oak Case in First Rate Condition; can be seen on application to A. H. OUGH, ISADALE, KOWLOON. Hongkong, March 14, 1891. 509

FOR SALE.

CHEAP! TO CLEAR. A QUANTITY OF LADY'S WATER-PROOF of different qualities, from £2.50 each upwards. G. R. LAMBERT, Duddell Street, Hongkong, March 13, 1891. 507

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. WE HAVE THIS DAY OPENED A BRANCH OF our Firm at HANKOW. CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, March 19, 1891. 550

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE. DURING my Absence from Hongkong, Mr. J. S. VAN BUREN takes CHARGE of the Business of the Company as ACTING AGENT.

CHAS. D. HARMAN, Agent, Hongkong, March 14th, 1891. 522

OCCEANICAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE. DURING my Absence from Hongkong, Mr. J. S. VAN BUREN takes CHARGE of the Business of the Company as ACTING AGENT.

CHAS. D. HARMAN, Agent, Hongkong, March 14th, 1891. 521

Intimations.

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED at Head Office, Singapore, from the 11th to the 20th March next, both days inclusive.

ROBT. BAIRD, Agent, Hongkong, February 26, 1891. 400

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Fifth Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 9, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1891, at 4 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 30th September, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 30th March, both days inclusive.

A. O. GOURDIN, Secretary, Hongkong, March 16, 1891. 532

THE PUNJON AND SUNGHE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1891, at 4.15 of the clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing Resolutions to alter the Articles of Association by striking out paragraph 2 of article 6, and paragraph 6 of article 13, and to authorize the Directors to increase the Capital of the Company by the issue of 60,000 New Shares of £1 each.

Further to authorize the Company to further increase its Capital from time to time to such amount as may be deemed expedient. A Resolution will also be proposed authorizing the Directors to abandon or otherwise dispose of the Sunghe Dua Samantan property.

By Order of the Board, A. O. GOURDIN, Secretary, Hongkong, March 17, 1891. 533

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1890.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Underclerk with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1890, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONDS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of March instant, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claim or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office, Limited, Hongkong, March 2, 1891. 423

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Captain HENRY, to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 24th March, 1891, at 2.30 p.m., at his Residence, No. 4, Richmond Terrace, THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, MARBLE-TOP CENTRAL TABLE, CHIMNEY GLASS, PICTURES, CUPID STAND and ORNAMENTS.

TEAK EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD and WARDROBE, CHOCOLATE, GLASS and PLATED-WARE, DOUBLES and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEPS, IRON COTS, DOUBLE WARDROBE with GLASS DOOR, CHEST of DRAWERS, BUREAU with GLASS, and MARBLE-TOP WARDROBE, ONE IRON FRAME COTTAGE PIANO, by HARRIS.

&c. &c. &c. Catalogues will be issued. Terms of Sale.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, March 17, 1891. 549

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Captain HENRY, to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of March, 1891, at 3 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road Central, (By Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong), The Assets and Effects of the Firm of BROWN JONES & Co., and the GOODWILL of the BUSINESS as a going concern, comprising the necessary and valuable Business of Undertakers carried on by the said Firm.

The Assets and Effects comprise HEARSE, HORSES and HARNESS, and all the other necessary PARAPHERNALIA and TRAPPINGS for carrying on the Business of Undertakers.

Catalogues and Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the Undersigned, and from Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, of the Supreme Court House, Solicitors for the Vendors.

Orders to view may be obtained from the Undersigned.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer, Hongkong, March 17, 1891. 543

Shipping.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship "Prometheus," Captain JACKSON, will be despatched on or about the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, March 16, 1891. 534

STEAM TO STRAITS & BOMBAY.

(Calling at COLOMBO if sufficient inducement offers.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "Telukran," Captain C. D. SAMS, will leave for the above places on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Inst., at Noon.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent, Hongkong, March 11, 1891. 433

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship "W. ALLAN," Captain W. ALLAN, will be despatched on or about WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. Captain Sams, and Cabin are situated forward of the funnels. Second-class Passengers are berthed in the poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, March 17, 1891. 539

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-OWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Prometheus," Captain WESZEL, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, March 18, 1891. 539

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "Glen," Captain DUNE, will be despatched as above on or about the 31st Instant.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, March 9, 1891. 463

Shipping.

Steamers.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, YEA NAGA-SAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "Prometheus," Captain F. H. SKYMOUR, will leave for the above places at daylight, the 21st Instant, at Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent, Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 432

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship "Centon," Captain SELLAN, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, March 19, 1891. 562

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship "Hailong," Captain BATHURST, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 22nd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, March 19, 1891. 507

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRISTE, VENICE & HOME.

The Co.'s Steamship "Capt. A. MITTS," will be despatched as above on the 22nd Inst., at 10 o'clock, taking Cargo through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PUNJAB, GUER, BLACK SEA, LEVANT AND AFRICA.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 p.m. prior to date of sailing. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to DAVID SASSON, SONS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, March 12, 1891. 488

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship "Telukran," Captain SAMS, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 22nd Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, March 18, 1891. 553

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALOUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship "Hailong," Captain SELLAN, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 25th Instant, at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

THE CHINA MAIL

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.
Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor Sir W. D. W. P. & C. M. G.

Tonight, FRIDAY, MARCH 20th.

MADAME PATEY, AND HER CONCERT PARTY, IN A GRAND CONCERT OF CLASSICAL AND POPULAR MUSIC.

POPULAR PRICES.
Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.00.
Back Seats, \$1.00.
Soldiers and Sailors, half-price to Back Seats.
Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALES, Ltd., Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 566

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

TO-MORROW (Saturday), 21st March.
Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor Sir W. D. W. P. & C. M. G.

MR. G. C. MILN, Supported by MISS LOUISE JORDAN and ORCHESTRA COMPANY, in HANDEL'S

CAST OF CHARACTERS
Claudia, King of Denmark, Miss J. H. Nunn.
Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, Mr. G. C. MILN.
Polonius, Court Chamberlain, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Laertes, a Courtier, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Horatio, a Scholar, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Rosencrantz, a Courtier, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Guildenstern, a Courtier, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Ophelia, a Courtier, Miss J. H. Nunn.
Bernardo, a Soldier, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Francisco, a Soldier, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Ghost of Hamlet's Father, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
First Actor, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Second Actor, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
First Grave Digger, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Second Grave Digger, Mr. J. H. Nunn.
Gertrude, Queen of Denmark, Miss J. H. Nunn.
Player Queen, Miss J. H. Nunn.

OPHELIA. Miss LOUISE JORDAN.
LORDS, LADIES, SOLDIERS, PLAYERS, of 15,000 DEBENTURES of \$100 each, making a sum of \$1,500,000.
During the burial of "OPHELIA," an original drama, specially composed for Mr. G. C. MILN, will be enacted by a number of Gentlemen Amateurs.
POPULAR PRICES: \$2 and \$1, Soldiers and Sailors Half-price to Back Seats.
Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALES, Ltd., Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 566

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

THE above CLUB will give a PERFORMANCE ON

MONDAY, March 30th, AND TUESDAY, March 31st.
When will be produced an original comedy by JAMES ALBERT, entitled

TWO ROSES.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel CHATER and the Officers, the BAND of the 1st Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will perform during the evening.

Tickets can be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CHAMBERS & CO., on and after Monday, March 24th, at 11 a.m.

PRICES.—\$2 and \$1.
Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to commence at 9 o'clock p.m.
Hongkong, March 16, 1891. 519

To-day's Advertisements.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.
The Company's Steamer "Sunduck" will leave for Swatow and Bangkok on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.
Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 573

STEAM TO KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
(Calling at NAGASAKI of sufficient inducement offers.)
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "Thetis," Captain W. L. BRON, will leave for the above places on or about FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at daylight.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 576

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.
The Steamship "Harrow," Captain B. JONES, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 2nd April.

For Freight, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 569

To-day's Advertisements.

MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, UNDER SECTION 5 OF ORDINANCE No. 16 OF 1886, (THE STAMP ORDINANCE), THIS 14th DAY OF MARCH, 1891.

1. POSTAGE STAMPS of the value of Two Cents may be used in lieu of Revenue Stamps of the same value.
2. On and after the 1st day of JULY, 1891, the value of the STAMPS required for Letters, etc., under Item No. 32 of the Schedule to Ordinance No. 16 of 1886, shall be Two CENTS instead of Three CENTS as at present.
A. M. THOMSON, Acting Clerk of Councils.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HONGKONG. 574

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will take place from Kowloon East Battery in South-Easterly and Westerly directions on the 23rd INSTANT, and from the Batteries at Stonecutters Island in a South-Westerly direction on the 24th INSTANT, and 26th INSTANT, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.
ALL SHIPS, JUNKS and other VESSELS are cautioned to keep clear of the Ranges.
By Command, W. M. DRAKE, Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, March 19th, 1891. 575

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of EDUARDO BARROS, a Bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of CREDITORS of EDUARDO BARROS will be held before the Registrar of the said Court, on THURSDAY, the 2nd day of April, 1891, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of declaring a Dividend.
Creditors who have not yet proved must do so on or before the said 2nd day of April, 1891.
Dated the 18th day of March, 1891.
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NOTICE.
A SPECIAL THEATRE TEAM will leave the Peak at 8.45 and return 15 minutes after the close of the Performance.
Doors Open 8.30; Overture 8.50. Curtain rises 9 o'clock prompt. For Programme of Season see Hand Bills.
Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 566

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

THE above CLUB will give a PERFORMANCE ON

MONDAY, March 30th, AND TUESDAY, March 31st.
When will be produced an original comedy by JAMES ALBERT, entitled

TWO ROSES.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel CHATER and the Officers, the BAND of the 1st Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders will perform during the evening.

Tickets can be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CHAMBERS & CO., on and after Monday, March 24th, at 11 a.m.

PRICES.—\$2 and \$1.
Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to commence at 9 o'clock p.m.
Hongkong, March 16, 1891. 519

To-day's Advertisements.

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW AND BANGKOK.
The Company's Steamer "Sunduck" will leave for Swatow and Bangkok on TUESDAY, the 24th instant, at 9 a.m.

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Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 573

STEAM TO KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
(Calling at NAGASAKI of sufficient inducement offers.)
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "Thetis," Captain W. L. BRON, will leave for the above places on or about FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at daylight.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 20, 1891. 576

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ.
The Steamship "Harrow," Captain B. JONES, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 2nd April.

For Freight, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—Yokohama leaves for Japan.
3 p.m.—Canton leaves for Shanghai.

Meeting.
11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the General Agents' Office.

Miscellaneous.
9 a.m.—Artillery Practice.
1.30 p.m.—Hongkong Schools' Athletic Sports.
3.30 p.m.—Competition of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1891.

AMID the cloud of words in which the question of the increased military contribution was enveloped at yesterday's meeting of Council, it is somewhat difficult to discriminate the real issues involved. The Governor overlooked the fact that what the Council was called upon to do was to revise \$20,000 which had been voted about 12 months ago on the distinct understanding that the garrison was to be increased. The unofficials said then to the Imperial Government: "You are to give us increased security; we are grateful for it, and to show our appreciation of your conduct, we will agree to pay \$20,000 instead of \$20,000 a year towards

THE STEAMER NANZING ASHORE.

The steamer *Nanzing*, from Manila, went ashore to-day on Great Lamma Island. News of the casualty was brought to the Colony this evening by the second officer, who got to shore in a fishing junk and came to Victoria in one of the Dock Co.'s launches. The vessel, it appears, is not badly ashore and we believe is not likely to suffer much damage. The European passengers, of whom there were nine on board—some of them ladies—were taken off the steamer and are now on the island. The Chinese passengers have also been landed. Mr. Gillies, Secretary of the Dock Co., and Capt. G. C. Anderson were to leave for the steamer early this evening in the Dock Co.'s tug-boat *Fish*, and application has been made to the Naval authorities to send a vessel for the purpose of protecting the *Nanzing*.

ENGLISH CAPITAL IN TONKIN.

M. BAVIER CHAUFFOUR ON HIS DEFENCE.
We have received from the Société Française des Charbonnages de Tonkin copy of a letter sent by M. Bavier Chauffour, Director General of the Company, to the Paris newspaper *La Justice*. It may be remembered that in November last a discussion took place in the French Chamber of Deputies on the action of the Colonial Government of Indo-China in allowing the Charbonnages Company to land at Hongay, duty free, railway material purchased in England. M. Clemenceau, the leader of a section of the Radical party in the Chamber, led the attack, which was afterwards taken up by the newspaper he inspires, *La Justice*. In its article on the subject our Paris contemporary made serious charges—serious at any rate in the opinion of most Frenchmen—against M. Bavier Chauffour. It is to these charges that the letter now replies. The first accusation is the employment of English capital. Colonies are regarded in France solely as dumping grounds for French goods and fields for French capital. If these things do not agree with the health of the colony, or if they cannot be had in sufficient quantity to satisfy its wants, so much the worse for the colony. Rather let it perish than that foreign nations should derive any benefit therefrom. It is almost impossible to persuade Frenchmen of the suicidal character of this ultra-selfish policy. M. Bavier Chauffour tries to do so, but we do not suppose he will have much success. He says in his letter that owing to the distrust of Tonkin which prevails in France, he was obliged to fall back on English capital, that the Colony has already benefited by the enterprise created thereby and will benefit more when the mines are in operation, that of the three million francs expended two millions were spent in the colony itself and one in France, and that not a farthing went to England until it became necessary to purchase railway material. All the personnel, engineers and overseers, to the number of 100, he goes on to say, are French, and they all travelled by the French mail steamers. He might have added that the company had suffered a great pecuniary loss by conforming to this patriotic policy, but he is doubtless too much of a Frenchman himself to admit this. And perhaps he might not have been far wrong had he declared that those who shared in the three millions expended have derived as much benefit out of the concern as the English investors are likely to do for some years to come; for he speaks (in January of this year) of still some months (consequently) elapsing before the galleries are in full activity and coal is obtained in large quantities. 'Encore quelques mois' has been the refrain of a good many reports.

Then we come to the question of the railway material purchased in England. Not only was M. Bavier Chauffour so indiscreet as to obtain English capital to aid in the development of Tonkin, but he actually spent a little of this capital in England. The explanation he gives of this atrociously patriotic conduct is edifying. In the month of June last year efforts of material were solicited from France and England, instructions being given to the Company's representative in Paris, M. Henry Rouze, to give the preference to French houses and to favour more particularly the Sociétés Alsaciennes de Construction Mécaniques à Belfort. In September orders were received from Paris and London. These from London were so much more advantageous that the Company could not pass them over without seriously injuring its own interests. Leaving out of account the rails, the sleepers and the carriages, offered from London, the times of delivery and the prices of which were much more favourable, M. Bavier Chauffour draws particular attention to the difference between the English and French terms for the locomotives required. The only French works which offered machines were the establishments, Cressot, Compagnie de Fives-Lille and Société Alsacienne de Construction Mécaniques. The first wanted 8 to 9 months, the second 10 months, and the third 9 months to a year, to deliver three locomotives. There was the additional disadvantage in accepting any of the French offers that the material would have been sent in a piece-meal fashion, rails from one side, sleepers from another, and carriages and locomotives from different quarters, and would have to be transhipped at Saigon; whereas the London agent offered the whole material en bloc, to be delivered in

60 days after receipt of the order and to be sent by a direct steamer and laid down free on the quay at Hongay. The acceptance of the French offer meant delaying the whole work at Hongay 10 months, and M. Bavier Chauffour argues that as Tonkin would have suffered from the delay as well as the Company, the only wise course was to give the orders to England. As, however, the Government's action in giving up the duties was only supported by a majority of 17 in the Chamber of Deputies, he declares that the Company is now ready to pay the said duties. The letter ends with a very strong denunciation of all sympathy on the part of M. Jules Ferry in the enterprise of the Company, in which that statesman was hostile from the first.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held this afternoon. Mr. E. Mackintosh presided, and there were also present: Hon. J. J. Kewick, Hon. P. Ryrie, Mr. W. H. Forbes, Mr. Hoppius, and Mr. R. M. Gray, members of the Consulting Committee, and Hon. T. H. Whitehead, Messrs G. Wier, Granville Sharp, de Champeaux, L. Posneckier, and H. W. Dick.

The companies and individuals proposed for election were duly elected.

The Chairman—The Committee's report for the past twelve months is a document that does not present many features of very great interest, but there are some subjects which I think will merit attention at your hands. The first subject is the Convention between the Chinese Government and the Telegraph Company. This convention, I am happy to say, I think, not only scotched but killed. We see from the public prints that it is contemplated that a line of cable should be laid between America and Japan via Honolulu. This will eventually help, I hope, to cheapen the rates that are charged for telegraph messages, but I hardly think that we shall be on an economical platform as regards cost of messages until we have the competition of the land lines in force between this and Europe, which are less expensive and less costly to keep up. The next subject that we trust upon in our report is the additional article to the Chefoo Convention and the opening of Chungking. The fact that has developed through this ephemeral convention is a matter of the deepest regret for the commercial public. I do not think we should blame H. M. Minister at Peking for want of success, for no doubt he has instructions from the Home Government and he has to follow them. Still after the convention opening trade to Chungking was granted it seems very regrettable that it should have been whittled down, so that only native boats, although owned by foreigners, can be employed. This appears to be retrogression with a vengeance. I do not think that the outcome redounds at all to the credit of the British Government. My own opinion is that the special privileges that we are supposed to have got will amount to very little, that they will not tend to tap the trade of this important district about which we were so hopeful. It also appears to me that the Imperial Government of China has little ability to control those officials at a distance far in Peking. Owing to the obstacles apparently thrown in the way by these native authorities at a distance the possibility of trade has been destroyed and it strikes me that if the British Government had shown greater firmness on this matter with the central authority that we should have attained the rights and the concessions that were granted under this convention. I may say that I feel strongly in the matter, and I think you will agree with me that British trade with China was not built up by such vacillating and weak policy. However the matter is finished and we must just accept the inevitable. The next point we refer to in the Trade Marks Ordinance. Notwithstanding the recommendation of your committee the Government thought fit to pass the law although they have not the machinery to carry it out. This appears to me to be a considerable waste of energy. The paragraph about the collection of duties from Swatow to British North Borneo touches an explanation that is due to H. B. M. Consul at Swatow. In the correspondence in our last report we touched on this subject and we appeared to have given the Consul a certain amount of satisfaction, but he took exception to it. I may say that notwithstanding this we have not yet received from Swatow not a single name that can be despatched to British North Borneo under the British flag, although the Dutch Government has the privilege of a petition to the Government of the Imperial Government of China, of arranging for regular departures to take place from Swatow to Sumatra. Under the favoured-nation clause Great Britain is entitled to the same privileges, but apparently they are not given. The officials appear to be unable to obtain such facilities for British North Borneo, although the country is clamouring for this particular class of labour. I think the colony of British North Borneo would gladly accept any of the restrictions or regulations that have been granted to the Dutch Government in order to obtain similar privileges. We now come to the light-house board. This is a subject which engages the attention of your committee for some time and has also been a matter of representation to several successive Governments. I will have to trouble you with some figures on this point that will present the matter in a practical form. According to a return furnished by the Government there was collected from 1st Jan. last year to 31st March, a period of three months, \$3,119.69. On the 1st April the dues were increased and from that date to the 30th November the dues collected under the increased tariff were \$36,117.64, making a total for the 11 months of \$64,237.63. There is one month more to complete the year. The return for that may be estimated from the previous collections at about \$7,000, making the total collection

for the year, in round numbers, \$71,000. On a similar basis we may take it that during each twelve months that these increased dues are in force a revenue of \$85,000 will be collected, so that at the end of 1892 the receipts will be made up to about \$241,000 in three years. There is no return also to a report furnished by the Government we find that the cost of the upkeep of the light-houses, not including the Gap Rock, is \$9,800 a year. The Gap Rock will not be completed this year. This will make the total \$19,800 for the three years. I do not believe that the Gap Rock can be finished and in working order until, say February, or March next year. It was added to that an expenditure for the upkeep of the Gap Rock of \$4,200, which should be ample, and then add the cost of the Gap Rock, \$100,000, and put for the connecting cable we recommend \$70,000, we have a total disbursement of \$254,000. Now the whole of this sum, with the continued levy, will be repaid at the end of February or March 1893. I think I need hardly point out that the success, the prosperity, the welfare of this colony depends entirely upon its shipping. In fact shipping is its lifeblood. There is no doubt about it. Our landed property, our revenue from land and everything of the kind is subservient to shipping. Our very hopes of becoming a manufacturing centre in the future depend upon our shipping. Each vessel that passes through the harbour adds to the revenue of the members of the commercial society to an extent that would hardly be credited by the casual observer. I maintain therefore that it is the first duty of every special agent to attract as far as possible and not repel shipping. If possible we should do away with all official charges, and let the place be widely known throughout the world as an absolutely free port (Applause). The success of our contemplated manufacturing industries will depend upon our facilities to receive and despatch products at the cheapest rates to all parts of the world. These levies of light-dues are most annoyingly exacted. They are levied for a special purpose. To collect more than is absolutely necessary for the capital cost of these light-houses or for their upkeep, is distinctly bad. At home, I think I am right in stating that they endeavour to force us to pay as far as possible and not repel shipping. In fact I believe that every year an independent board makes a calculation of what the probable income will be, based on the previous year's receipts, and a reduction is made so as to bring about an equilibrium of revenue and expenditure. I may say also that I have seen it stated that there is a strong movement at home to abolish the collection of light-dues altogether, and to let the Government of the United Kingdom take upon the Imperial revenue of Great Britain.

Mr. Ryrie—In America there are no light dues.

The Chairman—What have we done here? We have levied dues since the institution of light-houses in 1875, and we have collected sufficient not only to extinguish the capital cost of the light-houses but to build up a fund the interest on which, if the money were invested, would pay for the upkeep of all the light-houses in perpetuity. I am sorry to say that the Government have been merged in the general revenue, so that they are lost to the community. His Excellency asked that it should be pointed out wherein the Government has done better than the Government has done. It is here that the Government have done ill. A board such as your committee proposed would have brought forcibly to the notice of the Government and the Government the alienation of funds that have been going on for the past 16 years. They would have more persistently than has been done in the past, shown the unwisdom of this procedure. They would have shown to each successive Government that the original levy was made upon a mistaken understanding that when the original cost of the light-house was repaid the dues were to be reduced. When the question of the imposition of the dues to pay for the Gap Rock light was before the Council, His Excellency for himself requested the reduction of the rate of the tariff when the capital cost had been repaid. Will his successor recognize his views on the subject? I hope that from the institution of a light-house board there will develop a harbour board. I find no fault with the officials, and I can only be expected to know accurately the state of trade? I hope the new committee will take up the question, which I think is one of the first importance to this colony.

Mr. Mackintosh spoke at considerable length on several subjects touched upon in the report, such as Sunday labour, the reduction of postage &c. He also referred to the Nansan piracy and the trade of the colony, denouncing very strongly the gambling spirit which prevailed. A full report of the concluding part of his speech and of the rest of the meeting will be given to-morrow.

Hon. J. J. Kewick and Mr. Granville Sharp also spoke, the latter referring in very strong language to the gambling mania. Mr. Mackintosh was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. Kewick was elected Vice-Chairman. The following Committee was elected:—Messrs W. H. Forbes, R. M. Gray, H. Hoppius, F. de Boria, C. J. E. Bellidry, Hon. J. J. Kewick, E. Mackintosh, St. C. Michaelson, Hon. P. Ryrie.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held after the Council meeting, the Acting Colonial Secretary presiding.

THE SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE.

The Chairman—Hon. members will remember that a minute recommending a vote for additional pay to the members of Victoria College was held over from the previous meeting in order that further inquiry might be made. A doubt arose as to whether due consideration had been given to the matter of quarters. It has been found that consideration has been given to that point, and therefore there is no undue increase in the amounts recommended by the Secretary of State. The history of this vote is that the \$1,850 for the increase of salaries of the masters of Victoria College was voted by the Council of the Colony last year, and that the masters last year asking that they should be allowed the same rise as the other members of the Civil Service, and the Secretary of State has been pleased to approve of the proposition. The minute recommending that the whole increase is not to be given at once but by a gradual increment from year to year until the maximum is reached. I have therefore to move that this sum of \$1,850 be voted.

The Colonial Treasurer concurred.

Hon. P. Ryrie—If we are to have an increased military contribution we cannot go on increasing salaries too. I will vote against all increases.

On the vote being put a division took place.

The Registrar General asked if he was compelled to vote, or if he could remain neutral.

The Chairman said that as the hon. member was at the table he thought he must request him to vote.

THE VOTES WERE RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:—

FOR.
The Registrar General, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, The Colonial Treasurer, Hon. H. K. The Attorney General, Hon. J. J. Kewick, Hon. C. P. Chatter, Hon. P. Ryrie.

THE VOTE WAS THEREFORE PASSED.

STUDENT INTERPRETERS.

A vote of \$800 for the salaries of two Student Interpreters at \$40 p-r month each, in accordance with the scheme published in Government notification, No. 202 of 14th May, 1889, was passed.

THE NEXT VOTE WAS ONE OF \$2,800, AS A SUPPLEMENTARY VOTE FOR THE PEAK WATER SUPPLY, BEING AN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE COMPENSATION FOR MODIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY MR. CHANDWICK IN THE HYDRAULIC MOTOR AND PUMP REQUIRED FOR THE PEAK WATER WORKS.

The Chairman said no one could doubt that it was most essential a proper water supply should be afforded to the Peak, and he did not think there could be any objection to this vote, proposed as it was on the strong recommendation of Mr. Chandwick, the consulting engineer.

COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCE.

A sum of \$200 was voted as a compassionate allowance to the widow and child of the late Inspector Swanton, of the Hongkong Police Force.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL'S QUARTERS.

The next vote was one of \$840, as an allowance for the Postmaster General's quarters. The Chairman said hon. members would be aware that since last year the Treasury had been established as a separate branch and that the offices of the Postmaster General, which had been combined with that of the Collector of Stamp Revenue, and it became absolutely necessary to provide extra accommodation for the work of the Treasury, the old accommodation being found to be confined to the extended wing of the department. Pending what he feared might still be in the far distance, the erection of proper Government offices for the Colonial Treasurer and other departments, it was thought most advantageous for the public generally that the Treasury should be in such a central position as that occupied by the Post Office rather than that the suite of rooms above the Post Office should be occupied by the Postmaster General as a residence.

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TIDE TABLES.

The Chairman said the next vote was one of \$306.84, equivalent to £55, for defraying the cost of analysing the observations and readings of the tides at Hongkong for 1887-88 and making the results available for the use of the community. He said that the knowledge of hon. members that a book was published in England giving the tide tables for Singapore and Hongkong, and the author of that book, who was a specialist, had written out for a grant of £25 in all the tide tables might be made more absolutely correct. He said that he had been told that these tables had been framed by a Naval Yard constable in former years who was probably not very exact, but that he had pointed out where the Government had had at work in the public works the tide gauge, and the author of that book, who was a specialist, had written out for a grant of £25 in all the tide tables might be made more absolutely correct. He said that he had been told that these tables had been framed by a Naval Yard constable in former years who was probably not very exact, but that he had pointed out where the Government had had at work in the public works the tide gauge, and the author of that book, who was a specialist, had written out for a grant of £25 in all the tide tables might be made more absolutely correct.

Hon. P. Ryrie said £25 seemed a large sum and asked the same amount was paid by other places in the East. The Chairman said he thought the cost of the work of analysing the tides for two years must be very great.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The sum of \$2,577.42 was voted to cover payments for the undermentioned works not completed before the 31st Dec. last and for the 1890-91, to-wit:—The last two instalments to be paid for the building of the *Yigee*.

In connection with the last item the Chairman, in reply to a question by the hon. member, said that the money for the ship was to be used for the military authorities for the consideration, and the *Yigee* would be used as a lazaretto, and should not be used as a lazaretto.

Hon. C. P. Chatter asked what the consideration given for the lazaretto was.

The Chairman said the Government was going to receive \$20,000 for it. In reply to further questions he said that was the value of the building had been valued and he understood that the Government would be compensated for the cost of erecting it, as it was almost new and there could have been very little deterioration.

DIVISION OF LAMPAI SALARY.

A sum of \$188, being underpaid salary of the third bailiff of the Supreme Court from 1st May to 22nd September, 1890, was voted to the bailiff and second bailiffs in proportions recommended by the Registrar.

The Chairman said that the first and second bailiffs having done the work from the time the third bailiff absconded until a successor was appointed.

PORTFOLIO FINDER JED.

A sum of \$3,254.41, unexpended balance in 1890 on account of the Pokfulam filter bed, and \$485.69, excess over estimated cost, were voted.

COMPASSIONATE ALLOWANCE.

The next vote was one of \$888 as a compassionate allowance to the widow and child of the late H. L. Mather, second light-house keeper.

The Chairman said this amount was arrived at on the usual basis of one month's salary for three years' service, but he should explain that in this case it was calculated on the assumption that the increase of \$200 which was recommended by the Council would be granted by the Secretary of State, but at the same time precaution would be taken that the amount to be paid should be the amount according to the old rate pending receipt of the approval of the Secretary of State.

Hon. C. P. Chatter—I am given to understand this man had served the Government for twenty-five years.

The Chairman—Yes.

Hon. C. P. Chatter—And is that all the allowance his family gets for it?

The Chairman—Yes.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before Sir James Russell, Chief Justice, and Special Jury.)
Friday, March 20.

MINIHNETT v. FRASER SMITH.

This was an action for the recovery of a balance of \$1300 due on a promissory note, Mr. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Messrs Denny and Mossop, appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant appeared in person. The following special jury was sworn:—Messrs E. Burns, T. Howard, S. W. Coxon, H. Crawford, E. H. Molyneux, A. O'D. Gorman and N. P. Dinah.

Mr. Francis said this was an action on a joint promissory note signed by Robert Fraser Smith and John Francis Webber jointly and severally. The learned J. then read the pleading. The petition set forth that on the 8th December 1888 the plaintiff, R. Fraser Smith, solicitor, proprietor and publisher of the *Chinese Telegraph*, and John Francis Webber, formerly a solicitor in the colony, jointly and severally signed a promissory note by which they promised to pay the plaintiff for his order, five months after date, the sum of \$2,500, with interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum. Mr. Webber never paid anything on account of the promissory note either as principal or interest. The defendant Fraser Smith had paid two sums of \$300 and \$500. He was sued for the balance of \$1,700, and admitting his indebtedness to the extent of \$5,000 and interest less the two amounts previously paid, judgment was entered against him for that amount. The plaintiff now sued for the balance of \$1,700 with interest from the date of the writ. In his answer the defendant admitted signing the promissory note, but alleged that there was a collateral agreement by which he became responsible for \$5,000 of the amount lent, the balance of \$1,700 being payable by Mr. Webber. In addition to the two sums of \$300 and \$500 mentioned in the petition as payments by the defendant, it was stated that two further sums of \$600 and \$700 had been paid by the defendant, but that nothing was being in due payment of the note. The learned J. then asked the plaintiff if he was willing to accept the two sums of \$300 and \$500 mentioned in the petition as payments by the defendant, it was stated that two further sums of \$600 and \$700 had been paid by the defendant, but that nothing was being in due payment of the note. 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THE WATER AND DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT.
RESIDENT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 17th March, 1891.

SIR.—I have the honor to forward you the following report on the progress of the works-in-charge of this Department, and the progress of the new works that have been in course of construction during the past year.

EXISTING WORKS.

Typhoon and Volcanic Reservoirs.—The Typhoon and Volcanic Reservoirs have been maintained in a satisfactory state of repair without any extraordinary expenditure.

The only work calling for special mention being the diversion of the stream at the north end of the Victoria Reservoir by means of a 12-inch pipe laid along the western side of the reservoir.

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The serious expense that would be involved in cleaning and repairing them even as a temporary measure, the construction of the new system of sewers was commenced early in September, 1,100 lineal yards have been completed.

The cost of this work to date has been \$2,424.23.

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Five-foot lined yards of pipe sewers in the district marked 2B, on plan attached have been completed at a cost of \$1,563.40. This work was rendered immediately necessary owing to the exceptionally bad condition of the old drains.

Peak Sewerage.—The sewers in the Peak District have been extended along the Plantation and the Peak Road—for a length of 800 lineal yards to provide for the drainage of new houses; the cost of this work has been \$3,079.87, making the total cost of the Peak Sewerage Works to date \$8,581.95.

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